



# Purple Press

## Bedgrove Infant School Newsletter

Next Week (w/c 17th May) Lunch Menu – Week 1

12th May 2021

### Purple Pathway

As we near the next stage of the Prime Minister's Road Map out of Lockdown, we wanted to share with you our own plans for a Purple Pathway through the next period of changes, which will take us up to the end of term.

The recent update from the DfE about their guidance for schools, in response to the confirmation of changes from May 17<sup>th</sup>, contains minor alterations to the systems that are currently in place for our aged children.

We want to proceed with caution, aware that major changes to how things operate outside of school could impact on how we are able to function within school, and ultimately, on the children's education.

With this in mind, we have made plans to make small changes in response to those made for the whole country, but a few weeks after those are put in place, to enable us to track any possible impact they may have had.

**We will continue to operate in the same way as now until half term.**

**When we return on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**, we will begin to introduce the following changes:

**The school day for all F2, Y1 and Y2 children will return to 9.00-3.00.**

There will be a soft start for all children from 8.45am-9.00am: the gates/doors are open for children to go straight into class, where they will engage in early morning activities until the register is taken at 9.00am and lessons begin.

The school day will end at 3.00pm, with classes being dismissed from their usual locations, at either 3.00pm or 3.10pm

3.00pm - Turtle & Dolphin / Elephant & Giraffe / Leopard & Tiger

3.10pm - Whale and Shark / Hippo and Rhino / Lion and Jaguar

F1 times remain 8.30am-3.30pm. Early collection continues if needed, from 3.10pm.

**Year group assemblies will take place, with classes socially distanced, in the hall.**

### Diary Dates

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
Half Term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
Inset Day

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
Term begins  
Year 1 Vision Screening

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
Sibling Photos

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
Sports Day

**W/C Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
'Book Look' Visits

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> & Weds 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
Transition Days

**W/C Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
End of Term Summer Parties

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
End of Term

### Brownie Treat Tray

The deadline for FoBIS Brownie Treat Tray Takeaway is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Place orders through ParentMail.

1x tray for £6    2x trays for £10

Collection date is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2:30pm-3.30pm

Face Masks will only need to be worn inside when close contact with staff from other Year Groups cannot be avoided.

Face Masks will not need to be worn when dropping off and collecting your children. Please try to maintain a good social distance between adults on the school grounds at all times. If you would like to continue to wear a mask, for your own wellbeing, please do so.

Staff will begin to have face to face staff meetings where needed, ensuring all staff maintain a good social distance at all times.

If all goes well through June, and in response to the hoped changes made after June 21<sup>st</sup>, we are planning to introduce the following changes from June 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **Proposed changes from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June:**

The school day will return to 9.00 – 3.00 for all F2, Y1 and Y2 classes, with the soft start from 8.45-9.00 continuing and all classes dismissing, from their own playgrounds, from 3.00. F1 will dismiss all children at 3.30pm.

Children may start to work across the Year Groups in classes, allowing for Phonics groups and other interventions to take place with children from different classes in the same year groups.

Key Stage assemblies may take place in the hall, with classes socially distanced.

Sport's Day will take place, weather permitting, with Year Groups completing sporting activities on the field with parents invited to watch.

Transition plans will go ahead as usual, with children and teachers meeting their new classes on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

End of Year parties for Year Groups will be planned, with a disco in the hall.

Face masks will no longer need to be worn by parents or staff when on site.

Please remember these changes are subject to change at any time in response to the national and/or local Covid situation and in line with any government guidance we receive. We just thought you might like to have an idea of the pathway we have plotted for the school to get us safely to the end of term. We are all very much looking forward to being able to make these changes if it is safe and appropriate to do so.

### **Parent Survey**

Thank you to all of you who responded to our annual parent survey to share your views on our school. We appreciate the time taken to complete this and we are delighted with the overwhelmingly positive replies. If you left your name, we will be in touch shortly to see if there is anything further you would like to follow up on. Governors and I will be meeting shortly to review the answers in full and prepare a report for parents on the findings.

### **Bikes and Scooters**

We would like to remind you that bikes and scooters should be walked through the school grounds. Once you enter the site these should not be ridden as they could cause accidents with so many pedestrians walking around. They can be left safely at the gates for you to collect on your way out. Thank you.

## Late Collections

We have noticed an increase in children being collected late from school. Unfortunately, we do not have the provisions in place for children to remain later than their allocated collection time and going forward will have to consider implementing alternative solutions to manage this, such as charging parents.

We understand that the staggered collection time of 2.45pm may be more difficult to manage and can reassure you that, after half term, we will be reverting back to a collection time of 3pm for all pupils.

If you are struggling to collect your child on time please consider contacting Grover to book afternoon Sunflower sessions. They run until 4pm and may take some of the pressure off, if you find you are having to rush to get to school. It will also be a more enjoyable environment for your child to be in rather than sitting in the school reception.

The current collection times for each class are as follows:

2.45pm classes: Turtle & Dolphin / Elephant & Giraffe / Leopard & Tiger

3.00pm classes: Whale and Shark / Hippo and Rhino / Lion and Jaguar

If children are continued to be collected late they will be taken to Grover and you will be charged for these sessions. This is not ideal as Grover Club will not have included these children in their ratios.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Plea from Mrs Greco

As parents you will be aware that the Junior school does not finish its school day until 3.15pm (slightly earlier at the moment due to COVID-19).

We therefore teach right up until this time, including our PE lessons which take place outside on our field and our playgrounds. We have had an increasing number of incidents where parents are coming on to our school site when lessons are still taking place and we have also had an incident this week where younger siblings were running around within our lesson. This is obviously a huge health and safety risk alongside a COVID risk with mixing of bubbles.

Please could I ask that if lessons are happening on the Junior School field or playground that parents remain on the path or behind the gates until it is clear that lessons have finished and pupils have moved indoors. Please could you also ensure that younger siblings remain with you at all times. This includes not playing on our playground equipment.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Buckinghamshire County Council Announcement

Buckinghamshire Council will be announcing this morning the implementation of a three-day period of coronavirus surge testing in the Kingsbrook area of Aylesbury (all postcodes between HP22 7AA and HP22 7BP), starting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May. This is in response to a small number of positive cases identified in the area who had contracted the newly-designated Variant of Concern "VOC-21APR-02" which was first identified in India.

People who live or work in this area will be asked to take a COVID PCR test whether or not they currently have any symptoms, in order to pick up any asymptomatic cases and thereby prevent further outbreaks. There is currently no evidence of any cases beyond those which are already known, and people living in the Kingsbrook area can continue with all their normal activities unless they either develop symptoms, test positive or are identified as a contact of someone who has done so. No additional precautions are required by any schools or early years settings who have pupils living in the area.

Please can we ask that you continue to show caution and take the necessary steps to minimise the risk of infection. Please be aware of those around you that may display symptoms and how symptoms may present in children.

## Prepared for all seasons

As always, the British weather is keeping us on our toes, with glorious sunshine in the morning and torrential rain by the afternoon. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a practical coat everyday as the weather can change quite drastically throughout the day. If they do not have a coat they may not be able to go outside during break time.

# THROUGH THE PURPLE PERISCOPE



F1

This week we have started a new book, *The Flying Bath*. We had a visit from the flying bath on Monday with the characters from the story in. We would like it if you could listen to the story at home and ask the children questions about what happens in the story.



We are working on the children recognising their own names and then after half term the children will work on writing their name forming all their letters correctly. It would be great to see the children practise this at home and see their photos on Seesaw. Don't forget you can upload anything to Seesaw that your children do at home, we love to see what they get up to.

Don't forget to check the F1 blog on Seesaw to see what the children have been up to.

F2

This week in F2 the children have been very excited about making their very own fruit salad. We have been spending time writing all our different ingredients and discussing the steps we will need to take when making our fruit salad. I wonder if the children will be able to showcase their new skills at home by making another fruit salad? We would love to see pictures on Seesaw if this is something you are able to do at home.

In Maths the children have been working hard on revising their number formations through the use of games and different activities which they have loved. Practising number formations at home will really help consolidate their learning; children can practice their number formation using flour, bubbles in the bath or even wet paint brushes outside.

Please return your child Heroes Stamp Design by Friday 14th May if they would like to take part.

Y1

Year One had an amazing 'Dino Day' last week. We excavated different fossils and had to work out whether they were from herbivores, omnivores or carnivores. We also met a terrifying T-REX in the afternoon! Thank you so much for your contributions, we all had an exciting, special day.

On Friday, we will be sending home Spelling Shed log in codes. Spelling Shed is a fun and engaging app which the children can use at home to practice their tricky words. We will be sending out more information on Friday, along with the children's log in codes.

Y2

Year 2 had a WOW day last week to do with Florence Nightingale. They pretended to be a 'drummer boy' in the British army during the Crimean war and they had to listen carefully to the instructions.

We also learnt how to wrap bandages correctly using St John's Ambulance how-to videos and even made slings! The children really enjoyed it!

The Year 2 Leavers hoodies are now available to order from PLSchoolwear! The closing deadline is Monday 24th May and late orders will not be processed. For more information please check ParentMail.

We are planning to start an Archery after school club for Year 2 and will be sending out more details in due course.

